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## **Glossary of Acronyms**

DCO	Development Consent Order
DEL	Dudgeon Extension Limited
DEP	Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project
SEL	Scira Extension Limited
SEP	Sheringham Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
UK	United Kingdom



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# **Glossary of Terms**

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (DEP)	The Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension onshore and offshore sites including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.
Onshore Substation	Compound containing electrical equipment to enable connection to the National Grid.
Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (SEP)	The Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension onshore and offshore sites including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.
The Applicant	Equinor New Energy Limited. As the owners of SEP and DEP, Scira Extension Limited and Dudgeon Extension Limited are the named undertakers that have the benefit of the DCO. References in this document to obligations on, or commitments by, 'the Applicant' are given on behalf of SEL and DEL as the undertakers of SEP and DEP.



#### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

- This final Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Equinor New Energy Limited (the Applicant) and Anglian Water. It identifies areas of the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (SEP) and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (DEP) Development Consent Order (DCO) application (the Application) where matters are agreed, not agreed or that remain under discussion between the parties.
- The Applicant has had regard to the Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2015) when compiling this final SoCG.
- This final SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of the Application which are of interest to Anglian Water. The applicable matters considered within this final SoCG apply to Anglian Water's statutory remit.
- 4. Topic specific matters agreed, not agreed and matters that remain under discussion between the Applicant and Anglian Water are included within this final SoCG. Matters that are not yet agreed will be the subject of ongoing discussion between the Applicant and Anglian Water to reach agreement wherever possible, or to refine the extent of disagreement between parties.
- 5. Throughout the final SoCG the phrase "Agreed" identifies any point of agreement between the Applicant and Anglian Water. The phrase "Not Agreed" identifies any point that is not agreed between the Applicant and Anglian Water.

#### 1.2 Summary of 'Agreed', 'Not Agreed' and 'In Discussion' Matters

- 6. In order to easily identify whether a matter is 'agreed', 'not agreed' or 'in discussion', the colour coding system set out in **Table 2** has been used.
- 7. Details on specific matters that are 'agreed', 'not agreed' or 'in discussion' between the Applicant and Anglian Water are presented in **Table 3** and **Table 5**.

Table 1 Position status key

Position Status	Position Colour Coding
Agreed	Agreed
The matter is considered to be agreed between the parties.	
Not Agreed – no material impact  The matter is not agreed between the parties; however, the outcome of the approach taken by either the Applicant or Anglian Water is not considered to result in a material impact to the assessment conclusions and the matter is considered to be closed for the purposes of this SoCG. Discussions on these matters have concluded.	Not Agreed – no material impact
Not Agreed – material impact  The matter is not agreed between the parties and the outcome of the approach taken by either the Applicant or Anglian Water is considered to result in a materially different impact to the assessment conclusions. Discussions on these matters have concluded.	Not Agreed – material impact



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Position Status	Position Colour Coding
In discussion	In discussion
The matter is neither 'agreed' nor 'not agreed' and is a matter where further discussion is required between the parties (e.g. where documents are yet to be shared with Anglian Water).	

#### 2 Statement of Common Ground

8. A summary of the consultation undertaken to date with Anglian Water and the matters agreed, in discussion or not agreed (based on discussions and information exchanged between the Applicant and Anglian Water during the pre-application and examination phases of the Application) is set out below for the final SoCG topic areas.

# 2.1 Protective Provisions and use of the Anglian Water foul sewer at the onshore substation

9. As set out in The Applicant's Statutory Undertakers Position Statement (Revision C) [REP5-037], the Applicant and Anglian Water have been engaging in relation to Protective Provisions since December 2021. During that time various comments have been shared by email exchange in relation to the drafting, the dates of which are detailed in Table 2.

Table 2 Summary of consultation with stakeholder regarding protective provisions

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Date	Contact Type	Topic
Pre-Application		
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Meeting	Project interactions
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Meeting	Project interactions
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Meeting	Project interactions
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	Email	Anglian Water issued draft of Protective Provisions
Post-Application		
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Email	General correspondence
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Email	Email from Applicant confirming its intention to remove the connection to the foul sewer at the OnSS
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Email	Email from Anglian Water providing a copy of their Written Representation
31st March 2023	Email	Email from Applicant attaching a copy of the latest draft of Protective Provisions
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Email	Exchange surrounding the Protective Provisions
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Email	Exchange surrounding the Protective Provisions
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Meeting	Discussion of the FEP Material Amendment Application

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Date	Contact Type	Topic
		Approach to preparation of the Statement of Common Ground
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Email	Email from Anglian Water on attaching the latest draft of the Protective Provisions
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Email	Email from Anglian Water confirming that it had no further comments on the Protective Provisions
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023	Email	Email from Anglian Water on formatting errors within the Protective Provisions



Table 3 Tonics agreed in discussion or not agreed

ID	The Applicant Position	Anglian Water Position	Position Summary
Protectiv	e Provisions		
1	The Applicant and Anglian Water have agreed a set of protective provisions for the benefit of Anglian Water.	Agreed	Agreed
2	The protective provisions included in Part 9 of Schedule 14 of the draft DCO (Revision H) [document number 3.1] ensure that appropriate protection and safeguarding measures for Anglian Water's assets and interests are in place. Both parties agree that appropriate protection is in place for Anglian Water and that Anglian Water will not suffer serious detriment to the carrying on of its undertaking as a result of SEP and DEP.	Agreed	Agreed
Use of th	e Anglian Water foul sewer at the Onshore Substation		•
3	After consideration of multiple operational drainage options at the Onshore Substation, the Applicant confirmed that a single preferred solution for surface water drainage from the Onshore Substation had been selected. This comprises a shallow infiltration solution, which will remove the need for the option to drain into the Anglian Water foul sewer.	Agreed.	Agreed
	This was communicated to the Examining Authority via a letter dated 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 [AS-036] where the Applicant advised of its intent to request a non-material change to the DCO. Subsequently, the Examining Authority confirmed on 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 [PD-014] their acceptance of the Applicant's request to make non-material changes to the application.		



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### 3 Signatures

10. The above final Statement of Common Ground is agreed between Equinor New Energy Limited and *Anglian Water* on the day specified below.

Signed:	
Print Name:	Phil Jones
Job Title:	Growth Strategy Manager
Date:	10/07/2023
Duly authori	ised for and on behalf of Anglian Water
Signed:	
Print Name:	Sheery Atkins
Job Title:	Onshore Consents Manager
Date:	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Duly authori	ised for and on behalf of <b>Equinor New Energy Limited</b>



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